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Road Closures

Chippewa Street & Mazon Street, Dwight

Ottawa, IL – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces that work to upgrade the railroad crossings at Chippewa Street and Mazon Street (Illinois 17) in Dwight begins on June 20, 2016. This \$4,355,353.03 contract has been awarded to 'D' Construction, Inc. of Coal City, Illinois.

Work includes installation of storm sewers, new curb and gutters, reconstructing the pavement on either side of the Mazon Street crossing, re-aligning the Chippewa Street crossing, asphalt surfacing, and signal work at the tracks.

Beginning July 5, 2016, the Chippewa Street crossing will be closed. It is anticipated that this closure will be re-opened by Labor Day. Affected residents and businesses will be provided access.

It is anticipated that the Mazon Street crossing will be closed after Labor Day. This is necessary to reconstruct the roadway to match the railroad crossing. Access will be provided to the affected residents and businesses.

The bulk of the work on this project is anticipated to be completed by this Thanksgiving with only minimal work next spring. The project completion date is May 15, 2017.

Through traffic on Illinois 17 will be detoured around the project utilizing Old US Route 66 and Illinois 47. Dwight's Central Business District remains open, with local detours provided to get around the construction activities.

Motorists are encouraged to use caution when traveling through the work zone and along the detour route.

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Please slow down and use extreme caution while driving through all work zones.

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